


July 27, 1984

TO: Memo to File

FROM: Thomas N. Tetting, Senior Geologist 

RE: Inspection of Wasatch Tar Sands Operations, DOE/047/017,
Uintah County, Utah

On July 17, 1984, Tom Tetting from the Division and John Blake from State Lands visited the site of Wasatch Tar Sands open pit (cut) operation on State Lands. No evidence of activity from the Division's previous visit was noted. Mr. Blake was very dissatisfied with the condition of the site, particularly the removal of the pine trees.

On July 18, 1984, the two storage tanks and cement (tar sand agitator) mixer were removed from the site and transported to another location in Uintah County. This new site is at the Whiterocks Tar Sands Pit. The equipment was observed on route.

On July 19, 1984, the new location was visited in the early morning; no one was on-site. Obvious disturbances were very recent. Besides the new equipment on-site, a large downslope cut had been made through the outcrop with a bulldozer. The area has been prepared for mining activity. Total disturbance on-site is probably greater than two acres but much is preexisting, although utilized currently.

Mr. Fairbanks should be contacted to file a DOE and submit a notice of intention for the site. In light of the example he has already set on the State section near the Seep Ridge Road, I recommend that the area be surveyed in order to determine if a mining and reclamation plan is required.

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